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LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS MUST PASS MATRIX TO BUILD OR EXPAND

DES MOINES – Proposed confinement feeding operations that need a construction permit from the DNR also need to pass the master matrix in most Iowa counties starting March 1, 2003.

The master matrix is a scoring system that can be used by counties to rate the siting of proposed livestock and poultry confinements that need a permit.

To pass the matrix, producers must achieve 440 total points and choose how to address air quality, water quality and community impacts when building or expanding their operations. Producers in counties that file the resolutions must meet higher standards than other permitted sites.

Starting March 3, producers can use an electronic form on the DNR website to calculate their scores.

“This electronic tool is like a recipe that allows you to substitute ingredients until the producer has the best possible combination for himself and the county to reduce environmental and community impacts,” said Tammie Krausman, executive assistant with the DNR environmental services.

The largest number of available points comes from choosing a site far from neighboring residences, businesses and waters. Producers can also gain points by adding structures that reduce pollution, using good management practices and being a good neighbor.

Construction permit applications are required for construction or expansion of a confinement feeding operation that uses either of the following:

unformed or earthen manure storage, regardless of the size of operation, and formed manure storage structures such as a below-building pit or a slurry store, and the animal unit capacity is 1,000 AUs or more.

Counties must file a resolution with the DNR for the matrix to be in effect and must evaluate all sites filing a construction permit application. More than 70 counties had filed the resolution on Feb. 27.

For more information and to see what counties are participating in the program, check the DNR website at <http://www.state.ia.us/epd/wastewtr/feedlot/masterm.htm>.

Contact Karen Grimes at 515-281-5135 for more information.

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APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR FY2003 SECTION 319 PROGRAM FUNDS

DES MOINES — The Water Resources Section of the DNR Environmental Protection Division is now accepting applications for fiscal year 2003 Section 319 grant funding.

Applications for Section 319 funding must address nonpoint source pollution problems that are adversely affecting water quality in the state, and must be consistent with the State Nonpoint Source Management Program, dated September 2000.

Pre-applications (optional) are due by March 5, 2003 while full Project Applications are due by April 30, 2003.

If your agency or organization is interested in applying for Section 319 funding, please read the referenced application materials, as there have been some changes from the past years. These materials can be found at www.state.ia.us/epd/wtrq/wqnews/319app.htm.

Please note there is no formal application form to fill out for this grant program, however applications must follow the guidance and meet the criteria identified in the application materials.

If you have any questions regarding the Section 319 program, or if you difficulty downloading the application materials, please contact any of the following:

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR has taken the following enforcement actions. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty.

- Einck Dairy, Inc. of Fort Atkinson and D&J Pumping Inc. of Hawkeye, were ordered to pay a \$4,000 penalty and to comply with minimum manure control requirements.
- Natural Pork Production II, LLC of Harlan, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 penalty and comply with manure retention and application requirements.
- The city of Atlantic was ordered to pay a \$3,500 penalty, to promptly report all bypass occurrences and to operate and maintain all equipment in its facility in proper working order.
- Interstate Grain, Inc. of Mason was ordered to pay a \$4,000 penalty; to submit as-built construction permit applications for any and all unpermitted resources at its facilities and to comply with air quality permit requirements in the future.
- Al's Corner Oil Co. doing business as Sparky's of Carroll, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 penalty and to comply with the DNR's fugitive dust rules at all times and actively control fugitive dust at all times at its facility located in Bayard.
- Harold Selim of Shannon City was ordered to pay a \$3,000 penalty, to maintain current manure management plan at his operation including records demonstrating compliance with plan; comply with all manure applicator requirements including proper certification; comply with minimum manure control requirements to regularly inspect and maintain manure storage and control facilities.
- Doug Osweiler of South English was ordered to pay a \$5,000 penalty; prevent further discharges from manure pits and lagoons from facilities he owns or manages; to remove all overflow tiles from pits and lagoons; submit an NRCS or similar qualified agency's evaluation of his operations to DNR; submit a manure management plan to the DNR; maintain current manure management plans and records of compliance; provide results of tile checks at his facilities by a certified engineer to the DNR; submit a report of all tiles and pipes at the facility and to pump his lagoon, remove sludge and fill the remainder of the lagoon.
- Cass County and Cass County Engineer Charles Markor are ordered to pay a \$5,000 penalty, to comply with fugitive dust rules at all times and actively control fugitive dust when road is being used as construction haul road.
- Puck Custom of Manning was ordered to pay a \$2,500 penalty and to comply with all manure control and land application requirements.
- Bernard V. Cohrs and Corhs Construction Inc. of Spirit Lake, was ordered to pay a \$7,000 penalty, to stop open burning of solid waste at property in Dickinson County or any other site in Iowa; and stop improper dumping or permitting of dumping of solid waste on his property and to dispose of all solid and landscape waste in a lawful manner in the future.

- Ray Slach of West Branch was ordered to comply with minimum manure control requirements and to pay a \$3,000 penalty in addition to \$392 in fish restitution relating to a fish kill in Waspsinonoc Creek near Downey in August of 2001.

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